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SUBJECT: REAL PROPERTY OF RUSSIAN ECCLESIASTICAL MISSION

1. COUNTRY DIRECTOR IAI HAS RECEIVED LETTER DATED AUGUST 16 FROM WILLIAM RAND OF COUDERT BROTHERS, LAWYERS FOR RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH OUTSIDE OF RUSSIA, STATING IN PART, "IT SEEMS, ACCORDING TO A TELEPHONE MESSAGE FROM FATHER ANTHONY, THAT ISRAELI MILITARY AUTHORITIES HAVE JUST OCCUPIED PART OR ALL OF THIS 9,000 SQUARE METER PROPERTY BELONGING TO MISSION OF RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH. AT HIS REQUEST, WE ARE INFORMING YOU OF THIS SERIOUS VIOLATION OF STATUS QUO AGREEMENT WITH RESPECT TO RELIGIOUS PROPERTIES IN HOLY LAND, AND WE RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT YOU SEND APPROPRIATE INSTRUCTIONS TO AMERICAN CONSUL IN OCCUPIED TERRITORY TO CAUSE HIM TO SUPPORT STRENUOUS PROTEST BEING MADE BY RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH AND ITS ECCLESIASTICAL MISSION". LETTER SAYS PROPERTY IN BEIT-JALA.

2. PLEASE ASCERTAIN FACTS AND REPORT.IS 'STATUS QUO

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